PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

NAVARRINI et al Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

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For: PERFLUORODIACYLPEROXIDES AS POLYMERIZATION INITIATORS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

March 4, 2002

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4-8 as follows. A copy of the marked up original claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in amended 37 CFR 1.121.

(Amended) A polymerization process according to claim 2, wherein at temperatures of the order of 50° - 80°C, the perfluorodiacylperoxides of structure (C) or the compound of structure (A) having the formula:

are used.